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Filed	:	March 30, 2005	)
For	:	METHOD AND DEVICES FOR AUTOMATICALLY SUPPLYING MATERIAL TO A PROCESSING MACHINE	))))))))

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 and with MPEP Section 609, the materials set forth on the enclosed forms PTO/SB/08a and 08b are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the non-U.S. patent documents are enclosed. Copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

Each of the documents listed on the International Search Report, which is part of the published document WO 2004/031873 A3, is listed on the PTO/SB/08a and 08b forms.

GB 2 351 160 is in the English language.

DE 199 48 139 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was

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DE 41 35 001 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 39 10 444 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,085,377. It is noted that both the A1 and C2 versions of this German document are enclosed.

DE 44 16 213 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 37 39 234 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 198 03 497 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

WO 97/19758 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 6,117,242.

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EP 0 410 400 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 42 174 73 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

EP 0 491 657 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,374,231.

Thumm R: "Alles 1st in Bewegung" does not have an English translation. It is cited as an "A" document. It appears to show a material handling system.

The several documents discussed in the specification of the subject application, as filed, and as amended and not also discussed above, are also listed on the

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DE 43 39 234 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

DE 43 28 038 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

The several other documents listed on the PTO/SB/08a form were provided to the undersigned by applicants' principal representatives in Germany, without comment.

DE 89 16 100.9 does not appear to have an English language equivalent or abstract. It appears to be directed to an automatic paper roll handling system for a rotary printing machine.

DE 89 16 104.1 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It also appears to be directed to an automatic paper roll handling system for use in a rotary printing machine.

DE 196 37 770 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 6,138,938.

DE 196 37 772 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 6,155,516.

DE 297 00 874 does not appear to have an English language abstract or equivalent. It appears to show a system and structure for moving a cylindrical object.

EP 1 160 189 is accompanied by an English language abstract which was obtained from a commercial database.

Entry of these materials into the file of the subject U.S. patent application, and their consideration by the Examiner, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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